ODELL'S BAN PUT ON HIGGINS

HE WON'T DO, IS STATE CHAIR-MAN'S OPEN STATEMENT.

Admits That He Has Fixed Sept. 25 for the Convention to Force the Governor's Hand-Imminence of Jerome Is Disturbing the Machines-Harmony Cry.

The Republican State committee is to meet at the Fifth Avenue Hotel at noon to-day. Benjamin B. Odell, Jr.; chairman of the committee, is to preside at the gathering; and he said yesterday that he had decided that the State convention should assemble at Saratoga on September 25.

Evidently Mr. Odell believed that somebody was to fight him on this occasion for he issued the following authorized inter-

"Are you in favor of the renomination of Gov. Higgins?"

"I am not," replied Mr. Odell; "I don't think the Republican party would be wise to renominate him."

"Do you regard him as a weak man?" Mr. Odell was asked and Mr. Odell replied: "I don't think him a strong man politically or otherwise. He is the candidate of a

faction. I am convinced from my own experience that the precedent against the renomination of a Governor in office is a wise one. He is on the defensive. I don't think this is the time when the Republican party of this State can afford to make any mistake. I do not think Gov. Higgins can poll his full party vote. There is nothing personal against Gov. Higgins in my opposition. It is my personal opinion. What we want is not the candidate of a faction, but a man who can command every Republican vote."
"Have you any candidate?" Mr. Odell was

"I don't care to say anything about that. I do not know if Mr. Hughes would accept a nomination. I have had no communication with him on the subject. I expect to remain chairman of the State committee until the State convention meets.

To some of his friends Mr. Odell said that he had purposely decided on September 25, the date on which the Democratic State convention will take place, in order to force Gov. Higgins into the open. He told them that Gov. Higgins was holding back a definite announcement as to whether or not he would be a candidate for renomination in the hope that he would be able to get some line on what the Democrats would do before he committed himself. "But," Mr. Odell raid to his intimates, "we'll have our convention on the same day as the Democrats and the result of it will be that Higgins will have to come out and declare himself one

George W. Aldridge, Francis Hendricks, N. V. V. Franchot and other friends of Gov. Higgins arrived in town yesterday. Of course no opinion could be obtained from them, but Republicans who talked with them said that Mr. Odell had been bluffing right along for the last three or four weeks; but then that was all right, it was said-part of the game.

Most folks believed last night that the minutes, that neither Senator Platt nor Mr. Odell nor Mr. Anybody would make a speech, that the Jerome idea was somewhat troublesome and that as a matter of fact the people who go to the polls this year will care very little about the Odell machine or the Higgins machine or the Platt machine or the Hearst machine or the Murphy machine, or any machine whatever, and are likely to vote for the man they want and not the man some boss

How comes it about, it was asked yesterday at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, that the Hon. George W. Aldridge, Railroad Commissioner by the grace of Gov. Higgins comes into the city of New York as he did yesterday and presides at the Hotel Gotham as the representative of Gov. Higgins while as Republican boss of Monroe county he has lost oftener than he has won? Mr. Aldridge vouchsafed the opinion that everything was to be peace at the Republican State committee meeting to-day. Word came up from Oyster Bay, it was said, that there must be peace

the friends of Gov. Higgins who hold jobs under him are ready at all times to agree upon any sort of plan of politics for harmony so long as there is a prospect that they can keep their comfortable berths. The present situation is that the State committee to-day, alarmed over the apparent imminence of Jerome, is ready to agree upon almost any policy that will lead to a campaign which will keep the present crowd

District Attorney Jerome kept silent yesterday on matters political. He had brief talks with Sheriff Hayes and Senator James Frawley, both Tammany leaders. They said politics wasn't discussed. Sheriff Hayes is said to have talked to Mr. Jerome about stopping prizefights.

SAY HE WAS 112 YEARS OLD. Russian Hebrew Believed He Grew Sc

Because He Didn't Work. Louis Peristein of 213 Henry street, who died on Sunday at an age variously esti-mated between 101 and 112, was buried yesterday afternooh in the Cypress Hills Cemetery. The services at the house were attended by about 100 kinsfolk, twenty-eight of whom were grandchildren and twentyix great-grandchildren, the oldest of the

latter being 18 years.

Louis Perlstein, the eldest of the eleven children of the dead man, says that when he was 20 years old and the family were still in Russia he sailed to this country to avoid service in the Czar's army and brought his father, then about 60 years old, with him. That was forty-two years ago, at

In Russia Peristein was a tailor and it was one of his old apprentices who esti-

that green the highball farments.

FINED FOR HISSING THE FLAG. Englishman Says He Dign't, but the Court

Says It Heard Him. Charged with having hissed the American flag during a performance at the Park Theatre, Bayonne, on Monday night, James Pierre, 28 years old, who described himself as an Englishman on a six months visit to this country and stopping at Richmond avenue, Port Richmond, Staten Island, was fined \$25 yesterday by Acting Recorder Hugh Mara, who heard the hissing. The Englishman paid the fine but will seek redress through the English Consul in New York.

The hissing took place while Johnnie Johns, a colored comedian, was singing a parody on "Why Don't You Try?" As he referred to an assertion wrongly attributed to Prince Louis during the latter's visit here to the effect that he had guns aboard his ship that could blow New York out of the harbor, the comedian pulled an American flag from beneath his waistcoat, waved it and sang "Why Don't You Try?"

Amid the applause from the 700 people n the audience sounded a hiss that caused the applause to stop and men and women to clamber on chairs to locate the man who issed. Pierre was seated in the rear part of the theatre with two friends and few detected him. It was some time before the indignation of the audience subsided and there were many remarks of what

would be done if the hisser were caught. After the show Pierre and his two friends visited the café and Pierre, it is said, denounced the United States and its people and said he wouldn't be a citizen of this country for anything. He was finally ordered out by Manager E. A. Schiller, whom, it is said, he abused. He was then arrested. In court he declared he had not aissed the flag, but the comedian for referring to Prince Louis.
"I happened to be a witness of the whole

incident," said Acting Recorder Mara, and I want to tell you that you are as lucky to be able to move about to-day as a man would who fell 500 feet from a balloon and found a pile of feather beds awaiting him to drop on. You did hiss the flag and were fortunate in escaping what you richly deserved."

MISS SCHAEFFER LOST TEMPER. Struck Miss Corwin in the Street -Apologies

RIVERHEAD, L. I.; Aug. 14.-Two girls were in Justice Taft's court here this morning. One accused the other of striking her with her hand and also with a newspaper. Miss Adelaide Corwin, 16 years of age, a blonde, is the girl who says she was assaulted. Miss Margaret Schaeffer, 17 years of age, a decided brunette, is the one accused. Miss Corwin lives in Main street and the other girl in Union street.

Miss Corwin said she was on her way up Griffing avenue about 8 o'clock last night when she passed Miss Schaeffer. As she was doing so Miss Schaeffer struck her on the mouth with her hand and then slapped her twice with a newspaper. All this, she said, was done without provocation and before she had a chance to defend herself. Friends then interfered and hostilities

Miss Corwin then hurried to the office of Justice Taft and got a warrant for the arrest of Miss Schaeffer. Constable Nugent, to whom the warrant was given, appeared in court with Miss Schaeffer to-day.

Justice Taft took the two girls into a rivate room and ther Miss Schaeffer apologize to Miss Corwin. This she did. She said she was sorry for having struck her. Justice Taft then said he would discharge the case, as Miss Corwin did not want to press it.

Miss Schaeffer's version of what took place was that as she passed Miss Corwin the latter made a remark to her that caused her blood to boil and without waiting to consider the consequences she turned struck Miss Corwin. In view of the fact that the case had been settled she refused to repeat the remark that she alleges Miss Corwin addressed to her.

MORE LETTER CARRIERS.

More Postal Clerks, Too, and Other Improvements-Postmaster Off for a Rest. Postmaster William H. Willcox left the city yesterday afternoon for a two weeks rest. He carried with him to Colorado the assurance of First Assistant Postmaster-General Hitchcock that the New York office would soon receive appropriations for

improvements in the service. Mr. Hitchcock dropped in on the postmaster yesterday morning and told him
that the Department had decided to let
him have eight more letter carriers. Two
will be assigned to Westchester, three to
Station M, covering the lower section of
Washington Heights, and three to Station
S, at Howard street and Broadway. Mr.
Hitchcock also said that the New York
office would get at once twenty-five additional clerks.

On Mr. Willoox's return from Colorado
on August 29 Mr. Hitchcock will take up
with the postmaster the question of the
appropriations recommended by Mr. Willcox to meet the needs of the local office.
The plans for the new Post Office building
will be discussed, too. Mr. Hitchcock dropped in on the post-

will be discussed, too.

TAGGART CRITICISES BRYAN. Says He Should Lave Kept Hands Off the

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 14.--If William Jennings Bryan wants the Democratic

Jennings Bryan wants the Democratic national committee reorganized he must wait until he has been nominated.

This was made plain by Thomas Taggart, chair man of the committee, when he condemned Mr. Bryan for his course in trying to force Roger Sullivan of Illinois to resign.

"Bryan should have kept his hands off the Illinois situation," said Taggart. "If there is anything wrong about the Illinois situation the people of that State and not Mr. Bryan should settle it. I know all about that contest two years ago. The national committee passed on it, and the convention passed on it, and that, it seems to me, ought to settle it."

HETTY GREEN'S SON NAMED.

Him for Governor. Dallas, Tex., Aug. 14.—The reorganized Republican party of Texas (anti-Lyon action) nominated a State ticket at Houston to-day, headed by E. H. R. Green of Dallas for Governor. for Governor.

Mr. Green is the son of Mrs. Hetty Green
of New York city.

Ha is president of the Texas Midland

He is president of the Texas Midland Railroad and has large property interests in The Prohibitionists to-day nominated a full State ticket at Terrell, headed by J. W. Pearson of Boyce for Governor.

to-day, former Senator Lee Mantie, chair-man of the Republican State committee, announces himself a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed W. A.

BOGUS ARMY MAN'S BAD CHECK

HOTEL READY WHEN HE TRIED TO PASS A SECOND ONE.

Dealer in Military Goods Backed One for 825, Then Waved Banger Signals All Over the Tenderioin-Man Caught Says Family Will Cover the Losses.

Robert D. Crane, who deals in military goods at 18 West Twenty-seventh street; was visited on Friday by a rather dapper roung man of soldierly bearing. Crane is Son of the American Revolution and knows many army and navy officers aside from the many he has met in his business. He was not at all surprised when his visitor

"I am Second Lieutenant C. B. Hodges,

Fourth Infantry, U. S. A."

Mr. Crane knows Lieut. Hodges, but for he moment he was fooled. He thought that he recognised his young visitor, who was dressed in ultra fashionable style so he fell an easy victim. The alleged Lieutenant produced a chack for \$25 drawn on the Mutual Bank, Thirty-third street and Broadway. It purported to be signed by L. T. Le Wald in favor of "C. B. Hodges; Second Lieutenant, Fourth Infantry." young man indorsed the check and asked Crane to cash it. Mr. Crane put his name n the back and sent a clerk with the alleged Hodges to the Corn Exchange Bank, where he had an account. The bank, on the clerk's identification and Crane's indores-

ment, cashed the check without a question The check came back to Mr. Crane yesterday morning marked "No account." Then Mr. Crane thought it all over and realized that the young man didn't come within gunshot of answering the description of Lieut. Hodges. He called up the Army and Navy Journal and explained the circumstances. The Army and Nany Journal promptly got busy with several banks and hotels in the Tenderloin district and as a result when the dapper young man appeared at the New Grand Hotel. Broadway and Thirtieth street, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon with a check, the clerks were eady for him. He had a check identica with the one passed on Crane.

The clerks delayed the young man while they communicated with Mr. Crane, as they had been instructed to do by the Army and Navy Journal. Mr. Crane hustled to the hotel. The moment he clapped eyes on the young man he knew him. He went to a telephone and notified the Tenderloin police station. Detective Duncan was sent ver and he arrested the alleged swindler. On the way to the station house the prisoner told Mr. Crane that his people were well to do and would make good any loss. In the station house he said he was James M. Keegan, 25 years old, a student, of 594 Park avenue. He told Acting Captain McGann that he had found the check and that he meant no wrong. Then Mr. Crane explained that he knew the real Lieut. Hodges and that the signature written by the prisoner was a forgery. Capt. McGann ordered Keegan locked up on a charge of

Keegan was then searched. He had no money, but he had two check books of the Mutual Bank, Thirty-third street and Broadway, and the Thirty-fourth Street National Bank. In his pockets were nearly a dozen checks drawn on the two banks. They were made out for amounts varying from C. B. Hodges, Second Lieutenant, Fourth Infantry, United States Army, and purported to be signed by L. T. Le Wald; others were drawn in favor of Arthur Jackson Sterling, M. D., and purported to be signed by Charles E. Reihmum; others bore the alleged signature of W. F. Frame and still others drawn in favor of C. T. Jackson

were signed "Arthur J. Stirring." As Keegan was led back to a cell he turned o Mr. Crane and said:

"I hope this will be fixed up all right, Mr. Crane. My folks will make good. The young man does not live at 594 Park venue. James L. Keegan, who does live here, said last night that a young man distantly related to him was wayward.

JAPAN'S TRADE AGGRESSION. Extent of It Indicated by the Building of

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Honolulu, Aug. 14.—The extent of Japanese commercial invasion of the Orient

s not fully appreciated by people in the United States. Advices from Japan indicate that commercial agencies are being established throughout China by the Japanese and the effort to dominate the trade of the western Pacific will be of the most aggressive character.

The best index of Japanese enterprise is the extensive construction of steamships in Japanese and English shipbuilding yards. Three steamers of 3,500 tons register each are being built for Yangtse-kiang trade, two vessels for the Shenghai-Japaese trade and six for the Australian trade. All of these vessels have been ordered by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the largest steam-

ship company in the Orient. The Toyo Kisen Kaisha, which operates from the Orient to San Francisco, has under construction two 13,000 ton turbine oil burning passenger boats for San Fran-

ALL THE WHISTLES LET LOOSE.

A Method of Waking Up Railroad Men

That Is to Be Stoppe Justice Fleming of the Court of Special Sessions sat in chambers in Jamaica yesterday afternoon as a City Magistrate. President Ralph Peters of the Long Island

Railroad appeared before him on a complaint regarding noises. The Long Island Railroad has big yards at Jamaics and vicinity and a large portion of its employees live in the neighborhood of the yards or else long the lines of the road near the yards Many of the conductors and engineers and some brakemen live in the railroad Y. M. C. A. building. The engineers of the all night drill engines have been waking up the men living near the tracks with toots of their whistles, instead of having "knockers up" go round and wake the men. During the early morning hours James B. Ward, the complainant, said the blowing is incessant and prolonged. All night long the engines are whistling signals to their crews and to the yard men, but when waking up time comes all the engines appear to let loose. This is said to be especially true near the Y. M. C. A. building.

Mr. Peters promised that the practice should cease and that whistling at night would be limited to the least amount possible. On this understanding the matter was adjourned for a week and if the new conditions prove satisfactory they will not be resumed. Many of the conductors and engineers and

ROOT AT BUENOS AYRES. Great Crowds Greet the Secretary in a Pouring Rainstorm.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 14.—Secretary of State Elihu Root landed here to-day from the Argentine cruiser Buenos Ayres in s heavy rainstorm. Despite this fact great crowds had assembled to welcome his the covered quay, in the streets and in the buildings near by.

The Buenos Ayres anchored at noon She was met down the river by scores of boats loaded with cheering people. After the party of Americans had landed the crowds took up the cheering and showered flowers upon them. Mr. Root rode in a carriage with Senor Montesdecca Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Mrs. Root followed, riding with Arthur Beaupré, the American Minister. The rest of the party rode in other carriages. Along the route dozens of American and Argentine flags were displayed.

Mr. Root gave a reception at the palace this afternoon, which was attended by a large number of people. A crowd stood outside the palace in the rain, calling for Mr. Root, who appeared on a balcony and bowed his acknowledgments. He did not make a speech owing to the rain. After the reception he visited President Alcorta at the Casa Rosada.

This evening there was a state banques given by the Government in honor of the visiting statesman. The city was beautifully illuminated. An exhibition drill of the firemen was given. It was witnessed by Mr. Root. During the storm the lightning

stopped the street cars. VALPARAISO, Chile, Aug. 14.-The Chillan Government has completed its programme for the reception of Mr. Root, the American Secretary of State.

NEGRO SOLDIERS SHOOT UP TOWN. Federal Troops on a Spree at Brownsville, Tex., Kill One Man.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 14.—Gov. Lanham to-day received a telegram signed by County Judge John Bartlett, Mayor Fred . Combe and other county and municipal ficials at Brownsville, Tex., saying that the Federal negro soldiers stationed at Fort Brown broke out of the garrison at midnight last night and raided the town of

The telegram says the whole town was shot up and that one bullet killed Frank Natus and another wounded Lieutenant of Police Joe Dominguez.

There is great excitement in Brownsville A mass meeting was held to-day and resolutions were adopted asking the Government to remove the troops from that post and to punish the offenders. Gov. Lanham, who has been urged to

bring the matter to the attention of the War Department, said: "I have placed the matter in the hands of Adit.-Gen. Hulin at Austin. He will investigate. I do not believe it will be necessary

o send State troops to Brownsville. The Federal military authorities at Brownsville. I believe, will arrest the offending negroes and I also feel sure they will be urned over to the proper authorities to be dealt with as their offence merits.

DRAGO DOCTRINE DISCORD. Pan-American Co nference Unable to Agree Definitely on a Declaration.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 14.-The Drago doctrine is presenting many difficulties to the Pan-American conference. One agreement was reached yesterday, the Argentine delegates withdrawing from their position. It seemed that a declaration of policy was settled upon, but this morning the Uruguayan delegates refused to sign it. They want a definite declaration that the forcible collection of debts is

not permissible. William Buchanan, head of the American delegation, is working hard to bring about an agreement. He tells the Uruguayan and other delegates with radical views to frame separate declarations but not to try to force every one to their way of thinking. Some of the delegates want the entire bject thrown out of the programme. While there is much discussion of the doctrine it is probable that the question will be referred to The Hague for settlement.

MRS. CRAIGIE'S MESSAGE.

Telegram to Her Parents That They Received After She Was Dead.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—The funeral of Mrs. Craigie, the novelist and dramatist, who was found dead in bed at her home here yesterday, will take place on Friday. The interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green. A requiem mass will be sung at the Farm street church of the Jesuit

Mrs. Craigie, on her arrival in London on Sunday night from the Isle of Wight, where she had been staying with her father and mother, telegraphed to the latter,

Excellent journey. Crowded train. Are rived by 9. Fondest love." The local telegraph office at Ventnor was closed and her parents did not receive the message until she had been dead for several

SULTAN SERIOUSLY ILL. The Ruler of Turkey Has Gravel Trouble With Complications.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Aug. 15.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Mail says that notwithstanding the official declarations it is certain that the condition of the Sultan still remains serious. His servants permit no one to approach him. It is difficult to learn the exact nature of his illness, but there is excellent authority for saying that it is gravel, accompanied with hemorrhage.

LACE COMES IN CHICK PEAS.

Was Consigned Michel S. Klele, a Syrian of 35 Broadway

C. A. building. The engineers of the all night drill engines have been waking up the men living near the tracks with toots of their whisties, instead of having "knockers up" go round and wake the men. During the early morning hours James B. Ward, the complainant, said the blowing is incessant and prolonged. All night long the engines are whistling signals to their crews and to the yeard men, but when waking up time comes all the engines appear to let loose. This is said to be especially true near the Y. M. C. A. building.

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NEW YORK-CHICAGO AIR LINE. KANSAS BEATS WHEAT RECORD.

JOSEPH RAMSEY TELLS OF GREAT ELECTRIC ENTERPRISE.

Says Foreign Capital Will Build Double Track Road 108 Miles Shorter Than Any in Existence-Route to Pittsburg Settled-Work to Begin Next Spring.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 14 .- Joseph Ramsey, Jr., formerly president of the Wabash, that he will build a new trunk line railroad from New York to Pittsburg and thence to Chicago, the project to be financed by foreign bankers and the road to cost Surveys for the road have been completed

and show that it will be 85 miles shorter than the Pennsylvania between Pittsburg and New York and 108 miles shorter than the present shortest line between New York and Chicago. It is proposed to operate the, line with

electric locomotives, and as the surveys give the new line a maximum grade of 20 feet to the mile, in comparison to the maximum grade of 65 feet to the mile on the Pennsylvania system; the new line will be able to develop high speed.

The Air Line will run through both the bituminous and anthracite coal regions and numerous branch lines are planned as feeders. It will not touch Philadelphia, going through the northern part of Pennsylvania. After leaving Pittsburg the road will touch at the following towns in Penn sylvania: Freeport, Leechburg, South Bend, shelocta, Cherrytree, Irvona, Dix, Loveville. Pine Grove Mills, Shingleton, Tussey ville, Coburn, New Berlin, Northumberland, Sunbury, Ashland, Mahanoy City Tamaqua, Allentown and Easton.

Preliminary work will be begun this fall on the line to New York and actual grading will begin in the spring. The line west will be started as soon as the Pittsburg-New York line is completed. The surveys west are not final, and the promoters expect to lower the grade further and to shorten the distance before the road is laid out.

The road to New York has been surveyed three times. Rights in this State will be got by merging the Indiana, Clearfield and Easton; the Allentown, Tamaqua and Ashland, and the Brush Creek and Crows Run railroads. The merger papers

will be filed this week at Harrisburg.

The foreign syndicate will build the road and turn it over completed to the New York, Pittsburg and Chicago Air Line, which will be capitalized at first at \$1,000,000. The route west of Pennsylvania is to be kept secret, but it is stated positively that the Lorain, Ashtabula and Southern Railroad, which is now nearing completion, will be one of the many feeders in the West. Joseph Ramsey, who is now in New York, sent the following signed statement here

relative to the new project: "We expect to make a start this fall and begin work next spring, hoping to comlete the line between Pittsburg and New

York within three years. "The cost of the line between Pittsburg and New York is estimated at between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000, all of which has been pledged, the bulk of it by foreign capitalists. It would not be wise for me to give details or names now.

"The line is not merely a preliminary survey, but a final location that has been vised three times. Thi gineers have been busy for three years It is the best possible short low grade line to be had through Pennsylvania between

Pittsburg and New York. "The extension of the road west to Chicago from Pittsburg will be taken up when the line east to New York is completed."

CAN'T KEEP BROWNE IN SING SING. Judge Hough Says He Is Here Only to Be

Tried for Extraditable Offence. United States Judge Hough decided resterday that C. C. Browne, the customs examiner who jumped his bail after a conviction of conspiracy and whom Canada refused to extradite on that charge; cannot be compelled to serve out the sentence under that conviction now that he has been extradited to this country for trial on

a charge of fraud. Judge Hough says that the Federal authorities acted improperly in giving Marshal Henkel instructions to take Browne from Secret Service Agent Flynn and put him into Sing Sing, when the Canadian authorities explicitly stated in granting the request for Browne's extradition that he was to be taken to New York to be tried on

the fraud indictment. In concluding Judge Hough says that an increasingly civilized national law and the highest grounds of national honor impose upon the United States Government and all persons subject to its rule the obliga tion to deal with the human being intrusted to them by a friendly foreign Power only with respect of the matter by reason of

which he was extradited." William H. Bonynge, of Browne's couns secured yesterday afternoon an order for Browne's release addressed to the warden of Sing Sing and will probably go up the river to-day to get Browne. Browne, it is expected, will be brought at once to this city to Marshal Henkel's office. If his counsel move that he be released on bail pending his second trial the United States District Attorney's office will urge that a high bail be fixed to insure Browne's appearance when he is wanted.

NO RICHMOND LIGHT CONTRACT.

Light Isn't Good Enough Is the Reason the

Comptroller Metz refused to approve yesterday of the contracts recently made by the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity with the Richmond Light and Power Company for the lighting of the streets of Staten Island. The amount of the contracts is over \$100,000. Mr. Metz

said he would not sanction the contracts until the company provided itself with an improved plant.

"Why, I was down around Staten Island the other night," said the Comptroller, "and all the beaches and big places like them were lighted up, but the island lights—they were awful. What would I approve another, contract with such a company as another contract with such a company as

Vice-Chancellor Pitney Will Let His Learned Brother Skin His Own Skunks.

TRENTON, Aug. 14.—Vice-Chancellor Pitney heard motions at the State House today. In refusing to consider an application in an Atlantic City divorce case in which Vice-Chancellor Bergen had made two orders apparently conflicting Vice-Chancellor Pitney said: In the language of the people up the State I'll be the language of the langua

State's Crop 100,000,000 Rushels-Corn. 200,000,000 -Deposits, \$100 Per Capita.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 14.-The State Agricultural Department to-night issued a crop report showing the State's yield of winter wheat to be more than 91,000,000 bushels.

The yield of spring wheat will swell the total to 100,000,000 bushels, the greatest crop in the history of Kansas.

In ten years Kansas has raised 705,000,000 bushels of wheat, and in three of these years the yield was more than 90,000,000 bushels each.

Corn conditions are reported to indicate 88 per cent. of the full crop. This means harvest of about 200,000,000 bushels.

The people of Kansas have on deposit in banks nearly \$100 for every inhabitant.

BURNED BY STREAM OF WATER. Elevated Porter Sprinkled a Blaze in Covering of Third Rail.

Thomas Brown, a colored porter employed at the Fourteenth street station of the Third avenue elevated road, noticed smoke coming from the woodwork covering the third rail vesterday afternoon. He seized a watering can and began sprinkling the

burning wood. Before he had done much sprinkling the electric current found its way up the water stream and shocked him severely. His left arm and hand were severely burned and he was taken to Bellevue Hospital. After his burns had been dressed he was

JERSEY COMPLAINS OFFICIA LLY That New York City Garbage Does Float

sent horne.

to Jersey's Shores. Gov. Stokes of New Jersey and some of the Mayors of the seashore towns of that State will meet Acting Mayor McGowan to-day at the City Hall to consider the practice this city has resumed since the burning of the plant on Barren Island of disposing of garbage at sea. It is complained by the authorities of the seaside places of New Jersey that the garbage is washed back on their beaches and that the summer season along the coast is being ruined. It has been contended by Mr. McGowan and Street Cleaning Commissioner Woodbury that the city's refuse is dumped so far ou at sea that it cannot possibly be washed back to the beaches. But if Mr. McGowan is satisfied to-day at the conference with the representatives from New Jersey that the beaches of that State are littered with the refuse dumped from the city's scows he will take steps to remedy the nuisance.

SPAIN TO DEMAND PASSPORTS. Recent Attempt on Lives of the King and Queen Cause of It.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 .- Maddin Summers, American Vice-Consul at Madrid, has written to the State Department that Spain will hereafter demand passports of foreigners travelling within the domain of King Alfonso. Mr. Summers states that he has been asked by the Civil Governor of Madrid to urge all Americans travelling in Spain to equip themselves with passports. This course has been adopted as a result of the recent attempt upon the

lives of the King and Queen. HEARST LOSES BY ONE. Franklin County Democratic Convention

Against Him for Governor MALONE, N. Y., Aug. 14.—At the Demo-cratic county convention, held here to-day, delegates opposing Mr. Hearst for Governor were elected by a majority of only one The contest was exciting, but the anti-Hearst faction finally won. The convention will meet again on September 28 to

nominate county officers. PERSONAL FIGHT IN G. A. R.

Capt. Cooney, Candidate for Commander, Attacked on His War Record. o-day on Capt. P. H. Cooney of Topeka, Kan., a leading candidate for Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., injected an unpleasant element into the contest and

threatens to create bitterness. Opponents of Cooney have issued a cir Opponents of Cooney have issued a circular alleging that the inferential statement made in Cooney's campaign literature that he was with his regiment, the 111th New York, at Gettysburg is not true; that Cooney did not enlist until almost nine months after Gettysburg. The charge is vehemently repelled, but the controversy is having far reaching influence for discord.

BOSTON BAN ON MATRIMONY.

School Teachers Must Remain Single—Cer-BOSTON, Aug. 14.—The Boston School Committee has officially declared that the

marriage of a woman teacher shall be equivalent to her resignation. Another new regulation relates to the infliction of corporal punishment. Girls are not to be whipped at all, nor are boys in the Latin, or high schools or kindergartens to be whipped. No pupil is to be punished in the sight of another. Punishment is restricted to blows with a rattan upon the

TUGBOAT HANDS ORGANIZE.

Reported at the Meeting That the Eric

Men Are Out Again A meeting of tugboat deck hands, in-cluding the tugboat men who were still on strike, was held last night at the headquarters of the Atlantic Coast Seamen's Union, 51 South street. The meeting was called to form a union of tugboat men and an organization was formed as a branch of the International Senmen's Union Officers were elected. Another meeting

Officers were elected. Another meeting will be held to enroll members.

A committee of tugboat men who said they represented the Erie strikers said that forty men had quit work and that eight tugboats were involved. They said that they had got an advance of \$3 a month after the first strike, but made a further demand of \$7 a month, making \$10 a month, and struck to enforce it. The committee also said that the company had fitted up a barge as a sleeping place for strike breakers.

Supt. Bowron of the Erie Railroad said ast night that he had not heard of any new strike. The agents at some of the piers said they heard rumors that the tugboat men had gone out again, but didn't know definitely.

Special Cable Despatch to Tim Sun,
CALAID, Aug. 14.—Ballooniets who made
an accumion from here last night were
carried twenty miles out above the North
Sea. The balloon sunk and the men were
picked up this morning by a strain sug.

AGREEMENT ON B. R. T. ARRESTS

The Sheriff Quits Interfering After Making a Deal With Police. 4

TROLLEY CARS STOP AGAIN.

Second Fare on the Elevated Lines Now Being Collected in Transit.

Most of the Passengers Paid, but There Were Enough Who Wouldn't to Make It Lively for the Inspectors-Cars Full of the Unwilling Ones Sidetracked -A New Point of Trouble Develops on the Sca Beach Route-Sheriff Called Off His Deputies After O'Reeffe Had Premised That Arrests Would Be Made Whenever Unnecessary Violence Was Used in Electing a Citizen, the Police to Be the Judges-Coler Keeps on Handing Out Advice-He's Only a Poser, Says Acting Mayor McGowan.

Sheriff Flaherty of Kings county and the Police Department reached an understanding yesterday as to the method to be pursued in arresting Brooklyn Rapid Transis passengers who refused to pay the second fare on Coney Island trains.

It was agreed that the police would arrest any B. R. T. employees who used "unnecessary" violence in ejecting a passenger the police to decide when violence amounting to an assault had been committed. Many arrests were made in accordance

with this decision. The Sheriff, who with

his deputies had made things lively on the Culver line, retired from the field apparently satisfied. At midnight the police at Kings Highway and Kensington reported that during the day just forty arrests of B. R. T. employees had been made on the complaints of passengers. They were all charged with assault and all bailed out. The number of passengers arrested hadn't been figured out,

but it exceeded the number of railroad The company restored the trolley car service over the Culver line yesterday morning, but suspended it again when the dis-

turbances started up early in the after-The B. R. T. abolished the bull pens at the Luna Park and Culver [line terminals and returned to the old way of collecting in some disturbances, and a number of care filled with persons who wouldn't pay up

were sidetracked. Sheriff Flaherty was a much puzzled man. He got positive advice from Borough President Coler to sail in and do things; but this was tempered by the advice of private counsel and by other considerations. Coler started proceedings on his own hook. Acting Mayor McGowan opined publicly that

POLICE AND BHERIFF CLASH. In three instances deputy sheriffs interfered in behalf of recalcitrant passengers on Culver line elevated trains; in each instance they drew the fire of the police, with a resultant confusion of authority. Police Inspector Cross was the boss cop on the

ver line had been of intermittent character all day, three or four men being put off of every train for Coney Island at Neck road; where the demand for the second fare was made, when three deputy sheriffs brought things to a head. Stephen Barrera, who lives on Surf avenue, Coney Island, and Abe Blakeman and Monroe Fisher, both living in Park place, Coney Island, all deputies, boarded the 4 o'clock train at a Brooklyn station. When the train neared Neck road they refused to pay a second fare. The train was stopped and four B. R. T. inspec-

tors were called in by the conductor. They laid hands on Barrers and a sharp tusele ensued, Police Inspector Cross standing in the aisle to see that no unne violence was done. Barrera was thrown to the floor in the mixup. As soon as Bar-rera got off the train he showed his sheriff's badge and arrested one of the men who had assisted in putting him off the car, Otto Rosenburg, a conductor living at 483 Twentieth street, Brooklyn. The other two deputies got off the car with Barrers and surrounded the prisoner. Police Inspector

Cross hurried up to the group. COPS GET THE PRISONER. "What are you going to do with that man?"

queried Cross. "Take him to the Raymond street jail," replied Barrera. "You have no authority to take him to the jail without commitment papers," responded the inspector, "and I order you

to take him to the Coney Island station or let him go." The deputies demutred and one of them suggested that he had best ring up Sheriff Flaherty and get instructions. The police inspector would have none of it; either they must take the conductor to the Coney Island station or turn him loose. They took him

to the station. Shortly after this incident the traction company decided to demand the second fare at Kings Highway instead of at Neck Road. The force of a hundred odd policemen, under Inspector Cross's immediate supervision, were consequently moved back up the line to Kings Highway on a repair car. At this point there are many spur

tracks and more available space for side-FLAHERTY ON THE JOB. Sheriff Flaherty was on hand when Inspector Cross and his cops arrived. With the Sheriff were twelve deputies. They were their badges inside of their costs.

was one of his old apprentices who estimated his age at 112. On coming to this country Peristein became a man of leisure and devoted his time to the three Jewish religious societies to which he belonged. He attributed the age he attained to this avoidance of work and to the fact that he never took medicine. He smoked and drank in moderation up to the day of his death and never had to wear glasses.

Peristein was very well known on the East Side and 400 people accompanied the body to the cemetery. The services were conducted by Rabbi Sachs of the Shaare Torah Synagogue.